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CLUB INFORMATION

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz p/191.5

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz 24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee **WU3I**. The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate.

W3AA **W3AA** e-mail: wu3i@arrl.net

W3EM - Field Day an special events station - Trustee **W3VVSS**

W3QV - 147.03 Mhz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee **W3BBB**

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COMMITTEES

Archives: **WU3I**; **Audit:** **NS3K**; **Awards:** **W3WF**; **Blurb folding:** **WB3KOJ** & **WB3KOH**; **Directory:** **WB3KOJ**;

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Artist: **N3QIE**; **Labels and mailing:** **WB3KOJ** & **WB3KOH** Send address and directory changes to wb3koj@comcat.com

Deadline: To be assured of publication in the month that you want, all copy must be in the hands of the Editor by the 20th of the previous month.

Net Schedule

Thursday CW Practice Net at 20:00-147.030MHz FM (Except June, July And August)

Sunday morning 2 Meter Net at 09:30 -147.030 Mhz FM

Sunday morning "10-on-10" Net at 10:00 -28.393 Mhz SSB (+ or - QRM)

Sunday morning 75 meter Net at 10:20 - 3.993 Mhz SSB

The PREZ SEZ



Dues are going up. The board of directors reluctantly decided to increase Phil-Mont dues five dollars, to \$25. Due to increased costs across the board and decreasing membership the club finances are in the red. Increased printing and postal costs put the Blurb over budget. Repairs to the repeater contributed to the deficit. It has been ten years since the last dues increase.

Remember your dues, W3AA contributions, and equipment donation are Tax deductible. April 15th will be here before you know it.

I'm sorry to state that our Blurb Editor Dean M. Spare, N3TAL passed away last week (11-13-01) after surviving thirteen years with a heart transplant. Dean has edited our monthly publication, the Blurb for about the last four years. He took over the job after Jack Haring, W3IIM, retired and moved out of the area. Dean always managed to get the job done despite many hospitalizations last year. Dean was often at the meetings with his digital camera, taking pictures for the Blurb. Dean will also be missed at W3AA where volunteered his time on Thursdays. I would like to thank Gwen (NG3P) and Maggie (K3XS) for volunteering to Edit the Blurb. It is an important job that requires a considerable amount of time and computer skills. I would also like to thank Don (WB3KOJ) and Natalie (WB3KOH) for all of their time and effort.

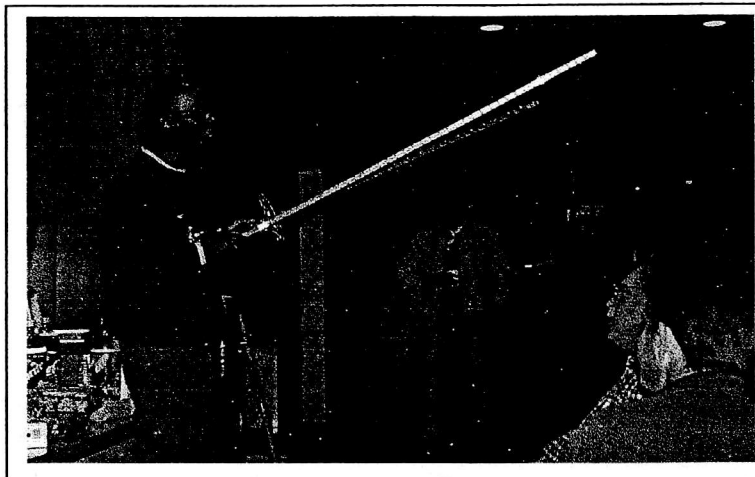
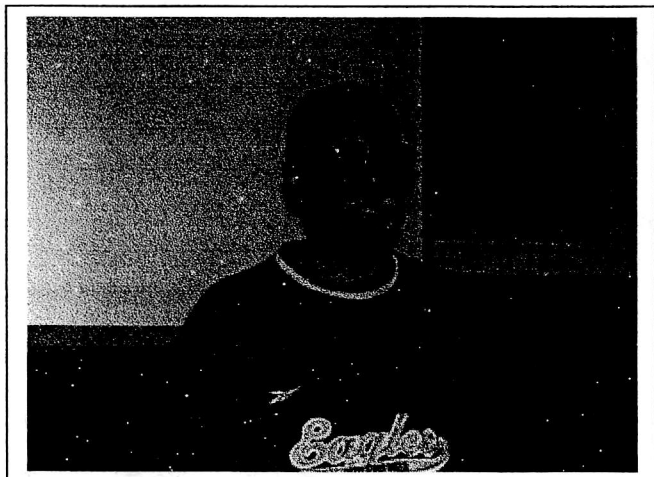
NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc. is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation governed by a board of eleven directors, four of whom also serve as officers. The four officer /directors, and one director appointed by the president elect, serve one-year terms. The remaining six directors are elected for two-year terms, staggered so that three seats are up for election each year. Thus, at the election meeting on December 12th Phil-Mont members will cast ballots for a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors.

The nominating committee has secured a candidate for each office, and four candidates will run for the three open director positions.

On election night, prior to the balloting, each candidate wishing to do so will be allowed three to five minutes to solicit your vote.

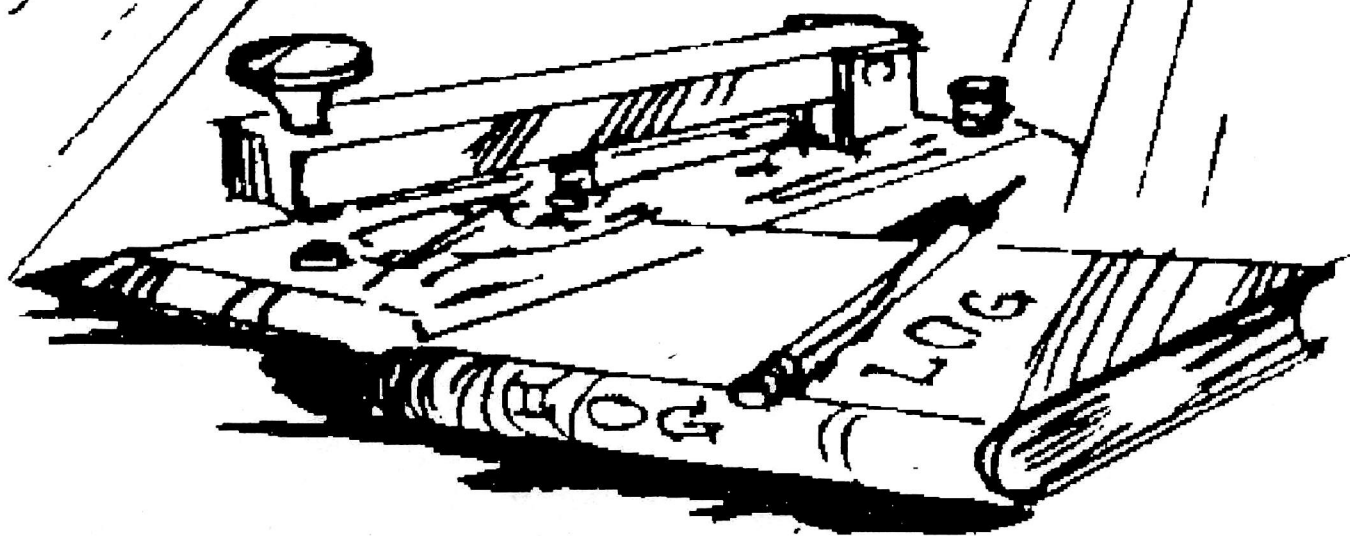
BSENTEE VOTING: If you cannot attend the meeting to vote in person, the bylaws provide for absentee balloting. To cast an absentee ballot, write your choice of candidate for each office, by name and call sign, on a piece of paper. Seal your ballot in an envelope, and mark "ballot" on the outside. Enclose the ballot envelope in a mailing envelope. This outside mailing envelope **MUST** have your name and call sign in the return address area, so that your membership status can be verified. Send your absentee ballot to the Judge of Elections, Jim Spencer, W3BBB, 500 Troxel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446-4625, and mail it in time to arrive by December 12th, or have it hand delivered to W3BBB by 7:30 pm on election night. If time does not permit submitting your written ballot, you may register your vote by telephone. Call Jim, W3BBB, at 215-362-5172 anytime before noon on December 12th. You may also submit your vote via e-mail to Jim at: w3bbb@enter.net.



W3STW Explains Satalite Commuications At November General Meeting

PHILMONT

Silent Key



Dean Spare-N3TAL

January 23, 1942 -- November 13, 2001

(PLEASE SEE PAGE 7)

FRED RICE-WA3KIO --SECRETARY

**NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

The November 7 meeting was held at the home of Steve, WU3I, and Joanne, N3FTC. In attendance were Ed, KB3IV; Gene, N3XKE; Dick, W3RM; Jim, W3BBB; Steve, WU3I; Mike, K2BN; Al, W3STW; Ted, KB3CYE; Bill, W3AOK and Fred, WA3KIO.

Mike, K2BN, gave a treasurer's report that stated we would have a short fall by the end of the year.

Declines in membership plus costs of mailing and, with recent events with the postal service, costs are expected to rise even further. A dues increase was proposed and after much discussion, an increase to \$25 was approved as the new amount.

Steve, WU3I, will be handling the P.M.R.C. website once Ginny supplies him with the necessary info and password. Dick, W3RM, reviewed the W3IIM Claude Haring Jr. Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the Foundation for Amateur Radio.

Gene, N3XKE, was appointed election chairman and reviewed the slate for candidates. As of November 7, the candidates were: Ed--KB3IV for President; Al--W3STW for Vice President; Fred--WA3KIO for Secretary, and Mike--K2BN for Treasurer. Running for the Director positions are Bill, W3AOK, Mike, N3MT, Ted, KB3CYE and Jim, W3BBB. Nominations will be open until the November 14th general meeting.

January 9, 2002 will be the annual Phil-Mont auction. Dick W3RM said flyers are printed and have been sent to area clubs and QST.

Ed KB3IV reported that the nets are fine. A discussion was held about the possibility of moving the 75-meter net to 40 meters due to band conditions at that time of the morning. One concern was finding an available frequency with all the nets being held on 40 meters on Sunday morning. For now it was decided to stay on 3.993 MHz

Jim W3BBB reported that power would be brought up on the repeater. The fellow that did the antenna work did more than he had to. It was commented that it was a job well done by the repeater committee.

Al, W3STW, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim, W3BBB, seconded it.

Thanks to Steve WU3I and Joanne for hosting the meeting

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Charlye, K3CJ, Welcoming Committee, reported 23 people in attendance.

Bill, W3AOK, called the meeting to order. Dues will be going up to \$25 dollars, the first increase in ten years. We are looking for anyone who can help out in editing the Blurb. Steve WU3I will be taking over the web site. He can use help from anyone with web page experience.

Our scores from Field Day are in the current QST issue. We came in fifth place out of 22 in the 7A category.

Steve, who is now keeper of the club archives, has about 100 of the P.M.R.C. 40th anniversary posters with artwork by Sam Kuncevic and is making them available to members.

About a third of the archives Steve has obtained are financial records dating back many years. Steve will retain the last 7 years worth. Jim, W3BBB, suggested retaining the year-end reports and budgets of the previous years.

Volunteers are needed for W3AA

Ed KB3IV said jackets would follow. Nets are doing great. Please check in and support the 10 and 75-meter nets.

Dick W3RM gave an update on the scholarship fund. It is in operation and the scholarship arrangements have all been made.

Bill, W3AOK, announced that elections will be held next month.

Dick, W3RM, reviewed the nominations in place of N3XKE, who was unable to make the meeting. On the slate now are President: Ed KB3IV, Vice-President: Al W3STW, Secretary: Fred WA3KIO, and Treasurer: Mike K2BN. There will be three Directors elected. Running are two incumbents Mike N3MT, Jim W3BBB and past President Bill W3AOK. Another nomination from the floor was Ted KB3CYE. At that time Jim W3BBB made a motion to close nominations. The floor seconded it.

Bill closed the meeting and proceedings over to Al, W3STW, for his presentation on satellite communications.

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A TYPICAL SUNDAY AT THE STATION

Written by guest columnist Marc J Zaharchuk –WA3CRM

Sundays at W3AA can find guests as varied as youth from last night's camp-in; travelers attending a convention or colloquium; or the head of an international agency headquartered in Europe. You might see students and faculty from foreign and domestic universities behind a scout pack watching their voice on an oscilloscope.

One of the common place activities on a Sunday is the evangelization of ham radio; "come back into the fold brother and sister". Many are drawn to the shack by that once had, long forgotten electro-magnetic link to the hobby. Dormant or expired licensees appear at our door like timid characters in a Dickens novel. With little effort their story is told and they leave us with A.R.R.L. and local information which will rekindle the spark into the passion for the hobby known to us.

Another common element amongst weekend guests is the "I/we had one of those" or our neighbor was a ham. Hammerlund, Hallicrafters, Heath, National and Atwater Kent equipment, all part of our collection. The site of these antiques bring back the memories and stories. Using the latest database plus several circa 1958 name and geographically sorted directories, we often can identify that neighbor or relative. Quite often a callsign is so ingrained in a memory that a guest is surprised to see a current listing pop onto the computer screen. Sometimes to the wonder of how old he or she must be.

Mid-Month Report from the Repeater Committee – W3BBB

Your Board has spent over \$1700.00 to replace the hardline and associated connectors on our W3QV repeater. This work was completed over a period of 3 days (delays due to high winds) by Land Mobile Corp, Chris Bors, K3LMC.

The VHF antenna is located at 160 ft on the tower and is the same Sinclair Station-master antenna as previously installed. On removal, the antenna was checked out and it was determined that the failure was in the hardline connector at 160 ft. Although our original hardline was free, the connectors were custom made in NY state by a machinist who has passed away. We elected to purchase Andrews LDF5-50A hardline and factory installed connectors. This purchase was made thru the efforts of Bill Sullivan, N3QMH, at a very reasonable price. Our thanks to Bill for his interest and patience. Bill Popovic, W3AOK. and Chuck Hillman, K3QLY, were very helpful during the installation. BBB spent most of the time in a lawn chair issuing instructions and advice. Our thanks to Chris Bors who did his work well and with dispatch. We are now back in business on VHF and early reports indicate the changes were well worth the effort. Replacement RF for UHF is still on order. There is no completion date at this time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Effective with the January Blurb, Gwen, NG3P and Maggie, K3XS, will assume the job as co-editors of the Blurb. Please help them get off to a flying start by getting your material to them as early as possible. Send all articles to be included in the Blurb to: maggie@voicenet.com

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES**FRED RICE, WA3KIO – SECRETARY**

My name is Fred Rice WA3KIO and even though I am unopposed let me say I am glad to run for another term as your secretary. I was first licensed in 1966 as WN3HOY and held WA3KIO since 1967. I upgraded in 1968 to Advanced and after many years of inactivity, I upgraded to extra in 1998. I am one of the rotating net controls on the 75-meter Sunday morning net. I am pleased to be part of Philmont's Board of Directors and look forward to serving the next year. Hope to see each and every one of you at the meetings.

MICHAEL TARABORRELLI, N3MT – DIRECTOR

I am seeking re-election as a director, having completed my first two-year board term. I wish to continue to offer the board the ideas, perspective and energy of a younger, but experienced, ham and club member.

First licensed as a Tech in November, 1994, I upgraded to Extra Class five months later. I've been active on the HF bands for all of my seven licensed years, primarily on CW. DXing, contesting and rag chewing continue to be my main interests. This past June, I participated in a DXpedition to the Turks and Caicos Islands, operating for two weeks as VP5/N3MT. I've served Phil-Mont as a W3AA volunteer operator; on the MS-150; on the DX and Youth committees; and for seven years as a Field Day operator at the 40- meter CW position, the last four years as band captain. Now a junior at Villanova University, I've been privileged to have received a Ham Radio Scholarship, through the Foundation for Amateur Radio, in each of the last three years. This year I was especially proud to be awarded the Northern California DX Foundation Scholarship.

Having witnessed the interest in our hobby that ham scholarships generate among younger people, I was proud to co-sponsor the board resolution which recently established a Phil-Mont Scholarship Program, with the first PMRC scholarship to be awarded through F.A.R. in 2002. I'm proud to be a ham and a Phil-Mont member, and want to continue to influence younger people to join us. I respectfully request your vote for another term as a Phil-Mont director. Thanks, and 73.

THE DEAN SPARE I KNEW

Amateur radio has lost a true Ambassador of the Air and the world is now less one really good person. Dean Spare was one of those very few people who had no enemies.

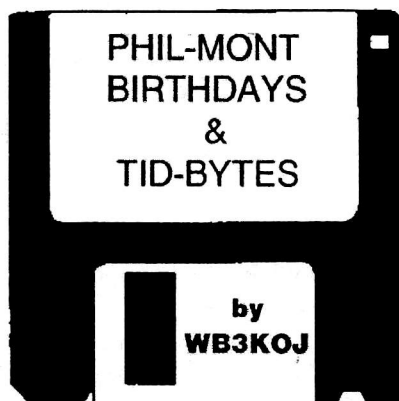
My name is Mary and My call KV2M. I first met Dean in November 1999 when he and his wife Arlene purchased a condo at the Hollows. I remember that day well. I had just lost my mother. The pain and sorrow were heavy in my heart. Ma would have liked Dean. He came into the Association office to introduce himself. My HT was on the desk and we immediately started talking radio.

Each time Dean came into the office he brought fresh air and sunshine with him. His gentle sense of humor and twinkle in his eye were always welcome. Most people come into the office to complain or yell but not Dean. He had a way of making you feel that you are special. Each time he asked me for my latest country conquest and congratulated me. Dean contributed so much and had many talents but he was very humble. Each time I saw him he had a smile and words of encouragement. He never complained or felt sorry for himself.

Dean could never get his condo fee right for two years. We had a good laugh every time he paid the wrong amount month after month. When he went to his final reward he owed \$1.80. Dean, I personally paid that \$1.80 and for the first time you have a zero balance.

Thank you Dean for touching my life. I am a better person for knowing you.

Mary VonLintig, KV2M



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Don Gordon - WB3KOJ
- Patricia Katz (XYL N3OWM)
- 06 Susie Lada - N3FTY
- 08 Jules Stein - KB3AFH
- 15 Byron Peebles - NZ3O
- 20 Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN
- 23 Roy Newman - KC2FIO
- 24 Marty Weinberg - WP4MSX
- 25 Len Hughes - W3LEN
- Jim McCloskey - NS3K
- 27 Mindy Pollack (XYL N3VLC)
- Jim Spencer - W3BBB
- 28 Carl Brown - N3SKK
- Betty King (XYL W3PXY)
- Tony Simek - N3YNH
- 30 Frank Lewis - N3DGU

MEMBERSHIP STATS

- 123 FULL PAID MEMBERS
- 13 FAMILY
- 3 YOUTH MEMBERS
- 2 HONORARY MEMBERS
- 1 PENDING MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Call: N3CTA
 Name: Robert J. Esposito
 Nickname: Bob
 Address: 409 Maplewood Drive
 Plymouth Mtg. PA 19462
 Occupation: Manager
 Home Phone: 610-279-5234
 Bus. Phone: 610-278-2595
 E-mail: n3cta@netcarrier.com
 Committees: Net Control, W3AA

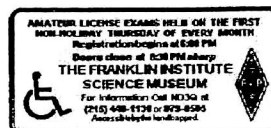
192nd Monthly P.M.R.C. V.E. TEST SESSION November 1, 2001

Five candidates took 5 elements.
 2 Upgrades and 1 New Candidate
 The VE Team as chaired by Dusty
 Rhoads - ND3Q
 Included: Carol Hutkin, K2BL;
 Bob Freer, W3YLT; Jeff Kerber,
 N3VE; Jim McCloskey, NS3K;
 Pete Butler, WB2B
 UPCOMING TEST SESSIONS
 December 5, 2001
 January 3, 2002
 February 7, 2002
 March 7, 2002

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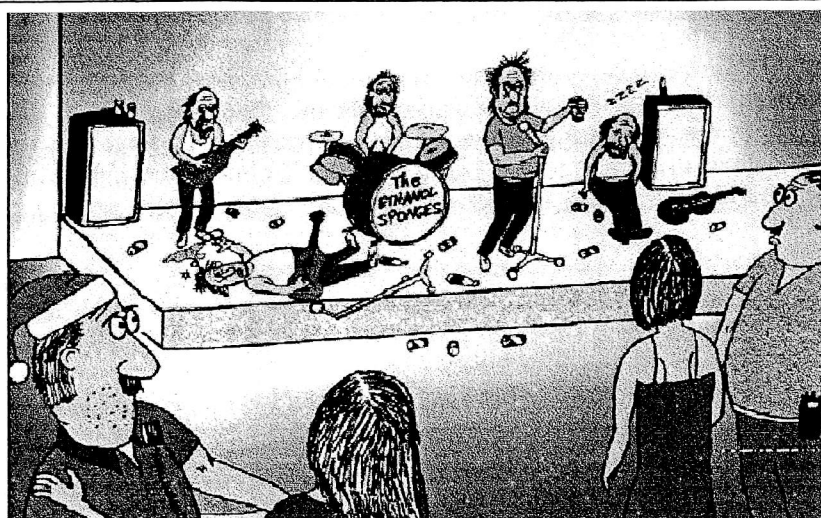
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VE EXAMINATION SITES

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original and a copy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Bring the original and a copy of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. the ARRL VEC's 2001 test fee is \$10.00
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE - Monthly, 1st Thursday- Dusty Roads ND3Q, 215-879-0505. Day. 215-448-1139 24-hours. Doors open at 6PM and close at 6:30.
BELLMAWR, NJ - Diane Nafis, 856-227-6281. Testing is the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM, Bellmawr Municipal Complex, Browning Road & Lewis Ave., one block off Black Horse Pike, Route 168.
BRISTOL, PA - George LeNoir, 215-943-4886
LEVITTOWN, PA - David I. Heller 215-946-1040
EAGLEVILLE, PA - 610-564-5249 (Commercial and Amateur)
TELFORD, PA - Joseph Burgess, 215-723-6697
WARMINSTER, PA - Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ, 215-343-3494
WILMINGTON, DE - Giselle Wells, 302-478-2757



This year's ham club Christmas Dance was not as enjoyable as last year, due to poor band conditions.

DECEMBER 2001

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DECEMBER 2001 EVENTS

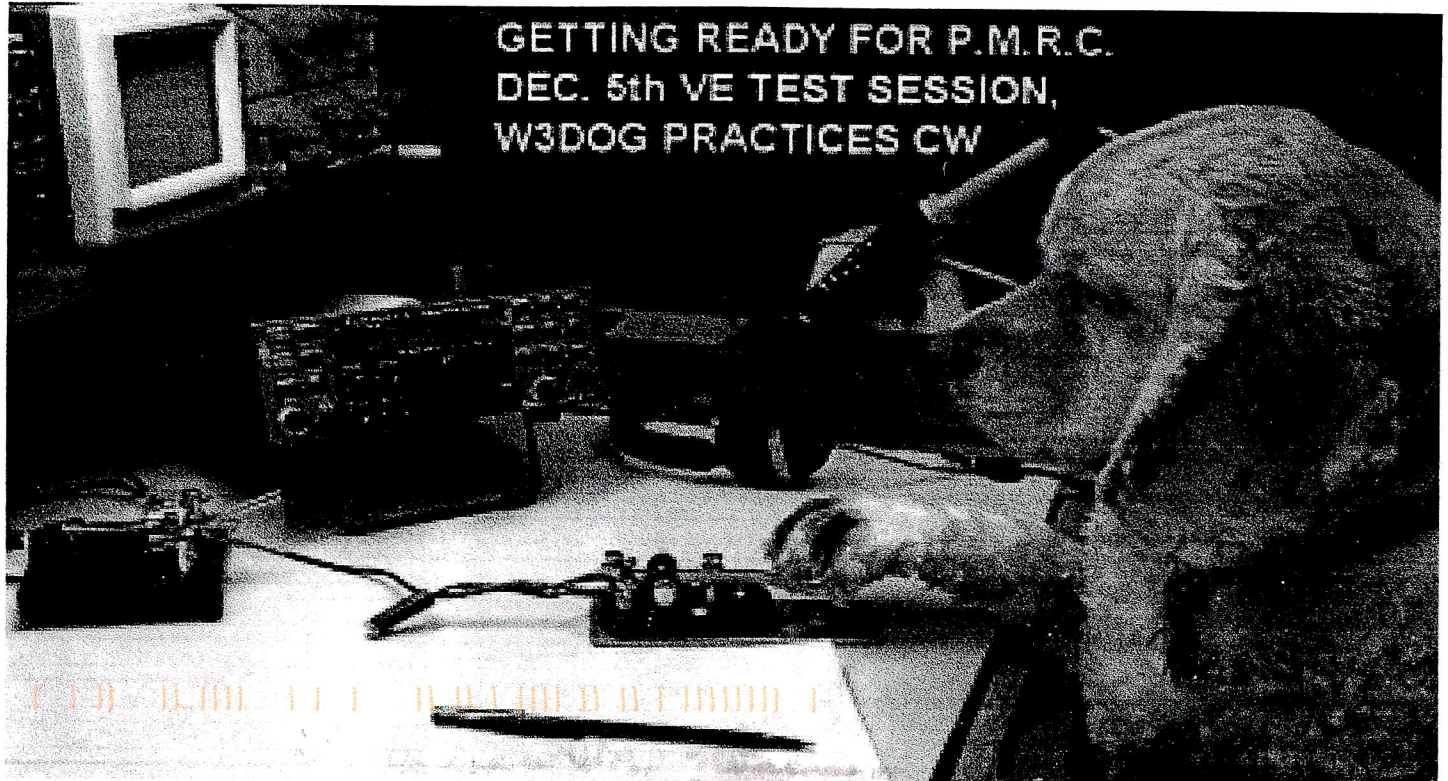
1	Sat	
2	Sun	(2M net WA3NSP) (10M net W3AA) (75M net W2AJV)
3	Mon	
4	Tues	
5	Wed	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – W3AOK's OFFICE
6	Thur	
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	(2M net N3OWM) (10M net W3AA) (75M net WA3KIO)
10	Mon	CHANUKAH BEGINS
11	Tues	
12	Wed	GENERAL MEETING - ELECTIONS
13	Thu	
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	(2M net KB3IV) (10M net W3AA) (75M net KB3IV)
17	Mon	CHANUKAH ENDS
18	Tue	
19	Wed	
20	Thur	
21	Fri	WINTER SOLSTICE –19:22 U.T.C.
22	Sat	
23	Sun	(2M net N3FTY) (10M net W3AA) (75M net NG3P)
24	Mon	CHRISTMAS EVE
25	Tues	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
26	Wed	KWANZAA BEGINS BOXING DAY (where observed)
27	Thur	
28	Fri	
29	Sat	
30	Sun	(2M net WBBB) (10M net W3AA) (75M net W3BBB)
31	Mon	NEW YEARS EVE

Activities for December 2001

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking for any announcements for the net

December 5—DIRECTORS MEETING AT W3AOK's OFFICE

December 12—GENERAL MEETING—ELECTIONS at THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE



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2. All sellers will pay a \$2.00 sellers fee to P.M.R.C.
3. Seller must supply a thorough description of each piece offered for sale on a separate form. (you may make copies of this form)
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Item _____ Model# _____

Start Bid at \$ _____

Minimum bid you will accept \$ _____

Tell us about this item _____



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ANNUAL HAM RADIO AUCTION-FEST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002
7PM

The Franklin Science Museum
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway Phila., PA

TALK IN: 147.030 (91.5PL)

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